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(C/NF) On October 14, CDA delivered reftel questions to Ambassador Patrice Cure, Head of Multilateral Directorate - Political, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade. Cure indicated that from Mauritius' point of view, SADC is limited to economic and environmental issues in the African region and mainly toes the line of the African Union (AU). He further stated that South Africa is the main player and that any attempts to merge overlapping organizations do not work for practical reasons. Cure commented that there are issues between the AU and the UN in regards to the proper definition of peacekeeping which have led to problems of cooperation and handovers between the AU and UN for peacekeeping operations.
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